

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

May 31, 2005

On March 8, 2005, upon my motion, the Board authorized a friendship relationship and the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County and Lazio Region, Italy. The relationship between the County and Lazio Region was enthusiastically endorsed and supported by the then-President of Lazio Region, Francesco Storace, who lost his Presidential re-election on April 4, 2005.

The new President of Lazio Region, Piero Marrazzo, has confirmed an interest in establishing a relationship with the County of Los Angeles, but indicated that time is required to organize his administration. In the interim, the Consul General of Italy, Diego Brasioli, Sandra Ausman, Chief of Protocol, and Mr. Joseph Ventress, Chairman of the County Friendship Committee with Italy, recommend that the Board authorize a friendship relationship between the County of Los Angeles and the Province of Rome.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors:

1. Enter into a friendship relationship and execute a Friendship Agreement with the Province of Rome, and

2. Direct the Office of Protocol to provide staff support to the County of Los Angeles-Province of Rome Friendship Committee, to be chaired by Joseph L. Ventress, to work with the International Trade Division of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce to encourage and facilitate business/trade contacts and cooperation, tourism and trade missions between the County of Los Angeles and the Province of Rome, and to raise private funding for and manage all projects and activities required to fulfill the obligations of the Friendship Agreement with the Province of Rome. Mr. Ventress and the Office of Protocol should invite individuals who represent diverse fields, disciplines and endeavors to serve on the Committees.

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